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MAYOR  
George L. Livingston

City of  
**Richmond**

April 15, 1992

Ms. Dorothy Wilson  
Community Relations Coordinator  
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Dear Ms. Wilson:

As you may know, the City of Richmond has a long history of effective community involvement in major issues facing its neighborhoods. This is a tradition which is jealously guarded by both the City Council as well as the community at large.

Unfortunately, EPA's recent action concerning the United Hekathorn Superfund site violated that tradition and embarrassed the City Council. Consequently, I recommend that prior to any future action by EPA regarding this site, that Agency representatives meet with the Santa Fe Neighborhood Council to gain their concurrence with any proposed mitigation program regarding this site.

As you may know, the Council discussed this matter at some length during its meeting of April 13, 1992. As a result of that discussion, the Council asked me to convey the following comments to EPA regarding this site:


1. The Council, while understanding the conditions which required EPA to proceed with contaminated soil removal from this site, strongly urges the Agency to follow its own community-notification procedures when implementing any future mitigation actions.
2. The Council concurs with the City Manager's letter of March 19, 1992 and strongly urges EPA to comply with Mr. Moore's suggestions contained in that letter.
3. The Council applauds the Agency's action to work toward reclamation of this property, and return it to a useful status.
4. The Council strongly urges EPA to provide for air quality monitoring in conjunction with any soil removal. This monitoring should be conducted through acceptable methods, preferably by an independent agency such as the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and should be directed at ensuring that any future soil removal activity does not create airborne pollution which might affect residents or property in proximity to this site.

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I hope that this letter conveys the dual messages that the City Council is: 1) pleased that EPA is proceeding to require actions to reclaim this contaminated property; and 2) displeased with the lack of an effective community-involvement process concerning this most recent soil removal action.

Sincerely,



George K. Livingston  
Mayor

cc: Congressman George Miller  
City Council  
Linda Jackson, Chairperson  
Santa Fe Neighborhood Council  
City Manager

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